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Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th and 55th meetings, on 26 May and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.48 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/63/607);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/63/710 and Add.1);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/746/Add.3).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.56

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste"

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(A/C.5/63/L.56), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 25, the figure "5,059,089" was replaced by the figure "5,127,605";

(b) In operative paragraph 27, the figure "2,597,911" was replaced by the figure "2,633,095".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.56, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1867 (2009) of 26 February 2009, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 26 February 2010,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/249 A of 22 December 2006 and 61/249 B of 2 April 2007 on the financing of the Mission, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/258 of 20 June 2008,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 42.2 million United States dollars, representing some 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty-five Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every

[1] A/63/607, A/63/710 and Add.1.

[2] A/63/746/Add.3.

[3] See A/C.5/63/SR.48.

possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandate;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

12. *Also takes note* of paragraph 26 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

13. *Further takes note* of paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and decides to approve the establishment of posts and United Nations Volunteer positions as proposed in paragraphs 59 to 87 of the report of the Secretary-General,[4] except for one Field Service post for a CarLog/FuelLog Supervisor, four United Nations Volunteer positions for English Language Teachers, two national General Service posts for Administrative Assistants and nine national General Service posts for Security Assistants;

14. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

15. *Also takes note* of paragraph 40 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

[4] A/63/710.

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission provides all the necessary support for the local elections planned for 2009 in Timor-Leste, as mandated by the Security Council in its resolution 1867 (2009), and, in this regard, decides to approve the resource requirements of 3,073,200 dollars for the support of local elections in Timor-Leste;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary steps to facilitate the acceleration of the recruitment process and improve incumbency levels in the Mission;

21. *Welcomes* the introduction in July 2008 of the new database, the misconduct tracking system, to record and track allegations of misconduct aimed at having a more accurate recording of all complaints and allegations received by the Mission, notes the increased number of allegations of serious and minor misconduct, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary measures are being taken in order to address this situation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

22. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

23. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste the amount of 215,001,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 205,939,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 7,550,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,521,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

24. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 142,061,175 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 26 February 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006, and for 2010;[6]

25. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share

[5] A/63/607.

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

in the Tax Equalization Fund of 5,746,230 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 5,127,605 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 519,320 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 99,305 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 72,950,325 dollars for the period from 27 February to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 17,917,625 dollars, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010,[6] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

27. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,950,770 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,633,095 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 266,680 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 50,995 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

28. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 14,477,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

29. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 14,477,500 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 28 above;

30. *Also decides* that the decrease of 761,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 14,477,500 dollars referred to in paragraphs 28 and 29 above;

31. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

32. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

33. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

34. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".